Application for consumer representatives to join: Expert Advisory Group - Systems Analysis Project (chronic disease prevention)

Queensland Health

Closing date: 11am Friday 27August 2021

*Have you been affected by, or have experience of chronic disease, and are either currently accessing or have accessed the public health system?*

*Are you interested in providing your lived experience and insights of the health system to improve our understanding of what chronic disease prevention activity is currently happening, and importantly what could be possible or enhanced?*

*Do you have a passion and commitment to improving health outcomes for people living with chronic disease or at risk of developing a chronic disease?*

***You might be interested in joining the Expert Advisory Group to input on the Chronic Disease Prevention Systems Analysis Project!***

Queensland Department of Health

**The Preventive Health Branch (within Queensland Health) is offering two (2) health consumer representatives the opportunity to participate in an Expert Advisory Group for a project looking at chronic disease prevention within the Queensland Health system.**

While Queenslanders are living longer, many live with more years of poor health. Some chronic diseases can be prevented through changes in lifestyle behaviours, and for many people already living with a chronic disease, healthcare interventions may prevent their condition from worsening. Therefore, keeping Queenslanders healthy is a priority and an important challenge for Queensland Health.

The Preventive Health Branch provides expertise and leadership in policy and programs related to health and wellbeing. Their innovative approach aims to encourage behaviours and create environments that are supportive of health. Their work covers programs and topics such as, cancer screening, tobacco laws, sun safety, chronic disease prevention, healthy food and drink strategies, and population health data and statistics. For more information, please refer to: [Queensland Health - Health and wellbeing](https://www.qld.gov.au/health).

The Preventive Health Branch has secured Commonwealth Government Health Innovation Funding for a systems analysis for prevention and is working in partnership with experts from [The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre](https://preventioncentre.org.au/) (TAPPC). TAPPC is a national agency whose mission is to identify new ways to improve our understanding of what works to prevent lifestyle related chronic disease.

What is a chronic disease?

Australia, like most of the rest of the world, is facing a new type of disease epidemic – chronic disease. Factors such as smoking, harmful alcohol use, poor nutrition and physical inactivity are causing a massive increase in chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease, arthritis, respiratory disease, cancer and diabetes.

Purpose

The prevention Systems Analysis Project will gather information and insights from consumers, carers and stakeholders and groups within the health system to improve our understanding of what chronic disease prevention activity is currently happening, and importantly what could be possible or enhanced.

A ‘systems science’ approach is being taken. This allows for a greater understanding of the ‘whole system’ to help to see influencing factors that are more hidden and their impacts, rather than looking at only one or more smaller parts of the health system.

Timeframe

This is a 12 month project to identify the best-buys options to better embed chronic disease prevention as a core part of quality clinical care. Considerations of the options for potential implementation and planning will form the next steps after this project completion. The timeframes for the project are outlined in the following table.

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| Project Phases | Timeframe |
| 1 | Initiation, scoping and planning | Jun–Jul 2021 |
| 2 | Consultation and engagement and data analysis | Aug–Nov 2021 |
| 3 | Systems analysis exploration and findings | Nov-Dec 2021 |
| 4 | Draft evaluation and performance monitoring framework | Dec-Jan 2021 |
| 5 | Identification of best-buy opportunities for prevention | Jan-Feb 2022 |
| 6 | Findings exploration and implementation considerations | Jan–May 2022 |

Expert Advisory Group

The expert advisory group will support the project. The group will be made up of clinical and non-clinical staff and will be representative of the Department of Health, Hospital and Health Services and health service users and consumers and carers from across the state. The group will be chaired by Mark West, the Executive Director, Preventive Health Branch.

It is hoped that members of the expert advisory group will have a passion and commitment to improving health outcomes for people living with chronic disease or at risk of developing a chronic disease.

Here are the [Terms of Reference](https://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ToR-EAG_DRAFT-30Jul.docx).

Role of consumers

Successful applicants will be active participants in the expert advisory group by offering advice and input based on their experience, bringing a whole-of-health-system mindset, and building relationships and connections that support the project.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit consumers who are affected by, or have experience of chronic disease, and are either currently accessing or have accessed the public health system, including those who have experience of health services in rural or remote locations, are from different age groups, First Nations or ethnic backgrounds.

Time and location

Virtual meetings will be held monthly for the duration of the project using Microsoft Teams.

**The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2 September, 2.00pm – 3.00pm.** Future meeting dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf).

Consumers will be renumerated at the half-day rate for their participation in workshops and meetings (including preparation and reading time).

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au** **by 11am Friday 27 August 2021.**

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Consumer Application Form**

Expert Advisory Group

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Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Have experience living with a chronic disease
* Caring for someone with experience of living with a chronic disease
* Currently accessing or have accessed the public health system
* Living with a disability
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Living in a rural or remote area
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background
* LGBTIQ+

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

1. Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc.

*Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

1. **Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*
2. From the consumer perspective, please describe your interest in joining the Expert Advisory Group to improve the understanding of what chronic disease prevention activity is currently happening, and importantly what could be possible or enhanced? *Tip: Although this section usually requires the longest response, try to keep it concise. Things to consider focusing on here include: any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition.*

*Referee Section*

Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. (we will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee).

Full name:

Staff Role:

Partnering Activity (e.g. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: